

**BUILDING COMMUNITIES**

# Community of St Mary, Tanzania

*Serving the church and bringing communities together in Tanzania*

**In their own words**

*‘The Sisters are full of life and very hospitable. They make a huge contribution to the mission of the diocese and indeed throughout Tanzania.’*

The Revd Canon Chad Gandiya,  
 USPG Regional Desk Officer for Africa



**Tanzania factfile**

**Capital:** Dodoma

**Languages:** Kiswahili or Swahili (official), English (primary language for commerce, administration and higher education), Arabic (spoken widely in Zanzibar) and many local languages

**Religion:** Mainland – Christian 30%, Muslim 35%, Indigenous 35%.

**Export:** Gold, coffee, cashew nuts, cotton

**Further reading:**

[www.tanzanianews.com](http://www.tanzanianews.com)

**USPG in Tanzania**

Missionaries of UMCA (now USPG) first arrived in Zanzibar (now part of Tanzania) in 1863. USPG continues to support Anglican dioceses in Tanzania as they provide healthcare, education and church leadership.

## About this Project...

▶ **Target: £2,670 / €3,560 | Project 386**

Since 1946 the Sisters of Chama cha Mariamu Mtakatifu (the Community of St Mary of Nazareth and Calvary) have been dedicated to caring for the local community in the Diocese of Masasi, in Tanzania.

Their work to date has had a positive effect on many people in a variety of ways. The Sisters help with the running of church programmes, teach Religious Education in primary schools and Sunday schools, and run development groups for girls.

The community, which numbers around 20, also hosts retreats and provides

training in agriculture and other skills. The community is self-sufficient for food. They have a farm on which they keep cattle, hogs and goats; they also grow crops and have a mill to grind maize and rice. They generate extra income by making communion wafers to sell to dioceses.

Some Sisters are also nurses in hospitals, while others visit prisoners. Money donated through USPG will allow the inspiring work of the Sisters to continue through dedicated service to the community and the local church.

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